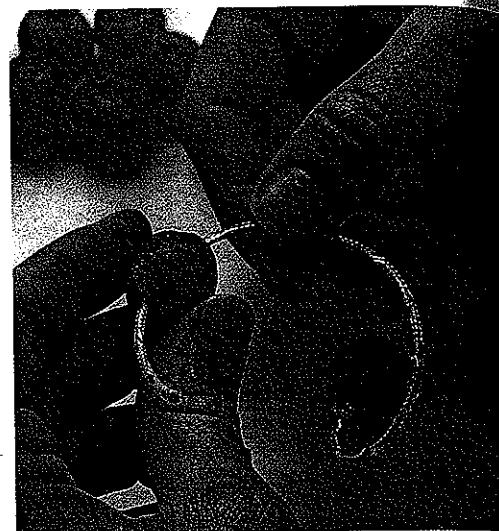


Stretch Bracelet

DESIGN: **MELANIE ALTER**

Simple, chic bracelets like this one are hard to resist. Fortunately, they're also easy to create. With elastic as your stringing material, beads and baubles of all shapes and sizes will cling elegantly to your wrist.



1 Begin slipping beads and spacers onto the elastic in an alternating pattern.

YOU WILL NEED

Approximately 9 inches (23 cm) of $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch (1.5-mm) elastic cord in a color that matches or complements your beads (gold is used in this design)

Approximately 12 14–16mm large-holed glass beads (handmade amber-colored beads are used in this design)

Approximately 11 spacers in a metal that complements the beads (bronze spacers are used in this design)

Large charm

Jump ring (optional)

Bead cement

Needle, straight pin, or toothpick

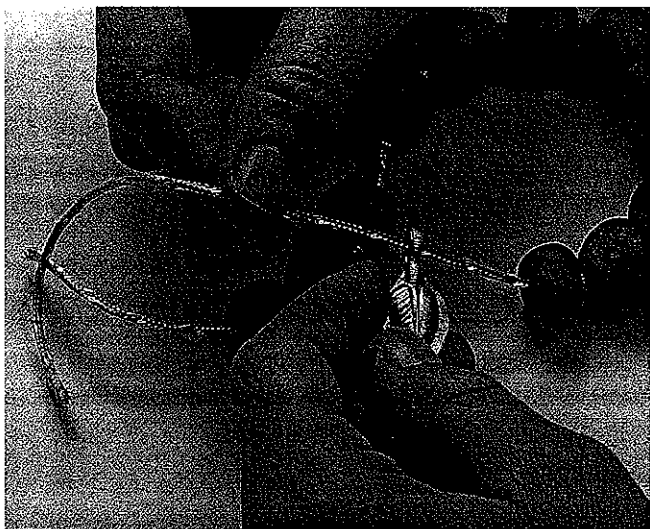
HOW TO

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VARIATIONS

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2 After stringing all the beads and spacers, add a single charm. You can either string the charm directly onto the elastic, create a wire loop, or use a jump ring so that the charm dangles from the elastic. (See Jump Rings, page 14, or Making a Wire Loop, page 16.)



3 This project design is for a standard-size bracelet; it should fit snugly on most wrists. However, if you're making the bracelet for your own wrist (or for another wrist that happens to be nearby), you can test the size before knotting the elastic. Make sure it's tight enough so that it won't slip off. If necessary, trim the elastic slightly.



4 Once you're satisfied with the size, knot the elastic.



5 With a needle, straight pin, or toothpick, dot the knot with bead cement. Once the cement is dry (approximately 15 minutes), push the knot into the nearest bead hole.